

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 3, and 10-13, and **ADD** claims 17-20, as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of recording/reproducing information on/from an information storage medium by utilizing control information including version number information, timing information, and recording speed information, the method comprising:

recording and/or reproducing existing control information with respect to a predetermined first area of the information storage medium; and

recording and/or reproducing updated control information with respect to ~~another area of the information storage medium other than the first area,~~

wherein:

the version number information of the existing and updated control information ~~includes a predetermined set of parameters~~ is used by a recording and/or reproducing apparatus to select between the existing and updated control information according to compatibility with a type of a recording and/or reproducing apparatus in order to perform used for recording and/or reproducing of data with respect to the information storage medium according to the selected control information.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the updated control information is recorded in a successive manner with respect to the existing control information.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the existing and updated control information further comprises information indicating at least one of a recording speed, a recording power, a reproduction power, ~~and a recording pattern,~~ or combinations thereof.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the existing and updated control information is recorded by one of a push-pull signal channel and a sum channel.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the one control information is reproduced via the push-pull signal channel and is recorded in a groove wobble format.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the one control information is reproduced by the sum channel and is information that is recorded in a recordable area of at least one of a lead-in area and a lead-out area of the information storage medium.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the existing and updated control information is recorded in a groove wobble format and in a recordable area of at least one of a lead-in area and a lead-out area of the information storage medium.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein one of the existing and updated control information is recorded in a groove wobble.

9. (ORIGINAL) A recording and/or reproducing apparatus to record and/or reproduce data with respect to an information storage medium having disc information including existing control information and updated control information, the apparatus comprising:

an optical pickup to transfer data with respect to the information storage medium; and
a controller which controls the optical pickup to detect the existing and updated control information from a first area of the information storage medium, to determine which of the existing and updated control information corresponds to a drive control information usable by the apparatus, and to control the optical pickup to transfer the data with respect to a second area of the information storage medium other than the first area according to the determined one of the existing and updated control information,

wherein each of the existing and updated control information includes version information, timing information, and recording speed information.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the controller controls the optical pickup such that the existing and updated control information are successively recorded in the first area.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the controller controls the optical pickup such that one of the existing and updated control information further comprises information indicating at least one of a recording speed, a recording power, a reproduction power, ~~and a recording pattern,~~ or combinations thereof.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the controller which controls the optical pickup such that one of the existing and updated control information is recorded by one of a push-pull signal channel and a sum channel.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller which controls the optical pickup such that the one control information is reproduced via the push-pull signal channel and is recorded in a groove wobble format.

14. (ORIGINAL) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 12, wherein the one control information is reproduced by the sum channel and is information recorded in a recordable area of at least one of a lead-in area and a lead-out area of the information storage medium.

15. (ORIGINAL) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, wherein one of the existing and updated control information is recorded in a groove wobble format and in a recordable area of at least one of a lead-in area and a lead-out area of the information storage medium.

16. (ORIGINAL) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus of claim 9, wherein one of the existing and updated control information is recorded in a groove wobble.

17. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the information storage medium comprises a disc control zone having the first area,
the recording and/or reproducing the existing control information comprises recording the existing control information including the version number corresponding to the existing control information in the first area of the disc control zone, and
the recording and/or reproducing the updated control information comprises recording the updated control information including the version number corresponding to the updated control information in the first area of the disc control zone.

18. (NEW) The method of claim 17, wherein:
the disc control zone comprises M bytes,
a portion of the first area having the existing control information ends at byte N, where N is less than M, and

a portion of the first area having the updated control information begins at byte N+1.

19. (NEW) The method of claim 17, wherein:

one of the existing and updated control information comprises first recording speed information associated with the corresponding version number information, and

the method further comprises recording and/or reproducing second recording speed information associated with the one control information such that the one control information is associated with the first and second recording speed information.

20. (NEW) The method of claim 17, wherein:

a portion of the first area consists of N bytes to store the existing control information, and

a portion of the first area consists of M bytes to store the updated control information, where M is not equal to N.